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## Schedule for Parshat Noach

**Friday, October 12** *1<sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*

Shacharit **6:40 AM**  
 Candle lighting for Shabbat **5:45 PM**  
 Mincha, followed by Ma'ariv for Shabbat **5:49 PM**

**Saturday, October 13** *2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan*

Shacharit (7:45 AM Salem Towers) **8:45 AM**

*Services followed by kiddush*

Latest time for Kriat Sh'ma **9:42 AM**

 Men's Class **4:45 PM**

Mincha, followed by se'udah shlishit **5:30 PM**

Ma'ariv **6:45 PM**

Shabbat Ends **6:56 PM**

## Schedule for the Week of October 14 - 19

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	5:45 pm	6:15 pm
Monday	6:40 am	5:45 pm	6:15 pm
Tuesday	6:50 am	5:45 pm	6:15 pm
Wednesday	6:50 am	5:45 pm	6:15 pm
Thursday	6:40 am	5:45 pm	6:15 pm
Friday	6:50 am	5:35 pm	<i>following Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i>

### MINYAN

*The minyan is the life-blood of a shul.* We have heard that phrase on several occasions over the past years, and I have yet to hear anyone disagree. We all know that whatever functions or programs we have that make us a community, what makes us a Jewish Community are those that bring us together for Hashem's service.

We have become complacent after a summer of excellent minyan attendance followed by a season of strong Holiday turnout. However, many people who became regulars during that time are no longer available to help bolster our minyan.

It is incumbent upon all of us to put forth our best efforts to support our minyan. It isn't easy; we have busy lives that are packed with activities - a heavy workload, or a need to spend more time with our families. Please remember that the source for all that we have comes from Hashem, and though it is important for you to do your part by putting your efforts towards your needs, it is just as important to ask Hashem for them.

It's not an all-or-nothing deal. If you are only able to come one or two mornings a week, that's better than not coming at all!

Do your best. Resolve to come to minyan once or twice per week more than you have been coming so far. Your efforts will be appreciated by all.

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Please note that the maftir and haftarah are not for the regular weekly parsha, but are the readings for Shabbat Rosh Chodesh.

*The maftir is in the Book of Numbers, chapter 28, verses 9 - 15.*

### Shabbat Kiddush

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Menashe Dickman, in honor of receiving Chatan Bereshit.

**Yashar Ko'ach!**


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Sefer -----	\$50.00
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

 Torah Ethics class Monday, 10/15, 9:30 am at Salem Towers

 Weekly Parsha Class Thursday, 10/18, following Ma'ariv

 Carlebach Shabbat, October 26 and 27. Details TBA

**More on Back** 

## The Miracle of the Ark

*Insights into Parshat Noach from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Sha'alvim.*

Noach was instructed to gather into the ark a male and female from each species. There are numerous types of animals. Some of them are quite large such as elephants and the like. The amount of slithering creatures and birds is staggering. Noach was commanded to bring representatives of all of these creatures; they would reproduce and require nourishment for a complete year. The ark- not even ten arks- would not suffice for this!

Rather, Hashem orchestrated a miracle that the animals, their children and food, fit into the ark. By natural criteria, such an undertaking was impossible.

This begs the following question: if the realm of miracles is being utilized, why did Hashem instruct Noach to build a large ark? Let him suffice with a small boat, and rely upon the impending miracle.

Hashem desired that the members of that generation would view the construction of the large ark. This would spark their interest. They would discuss the ark, the coming flood, and the inclusion of the animals. Perhaps these discussions would encourage the people to repent.

Another answer relates to a fundamental approach to miracles. Even when a miracle is called for, the Torah prefers that humans accomplish what they can. What is beyond human grasp is the province of miracles (the Ramban is consistent with this approach- he utilizes this concept in reference to the census in Parshat Bamidbar and of the espionage of The Land of Israel recorded in Parshat Shlach).

Editor's note: The ramifications of this concept are broad. Apparently, areas that this affect would include military service, professional training and joining the workforce.